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FM AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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INFO AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

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SUBJECT: PROHIBITION OF LUMBER EXPORTS

1. ON DIRECTORAL ORDERS OF PRESIDENT ARANA, MINISTER OF ECONOMY MOLINA MENCOS PROHIBITED EXPORTS OF LUMBER PRODUCTS (ALL ITEMS LISTED IN CHAPTER 24 OF THE NAUCA) EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 10, 1973.

2. ACCORDING TO LOW LEVEL SOURCE IN ECON MINISTRY PROHIBITION PROBABLY AIMED AT ELIMINATING DEFORESTATION IN HIGHLAND FORESTS NEAR MEXICAN BORDER WHERE TREES BEING CUT DOWN IN LARGE QUANTITIES AND LUMBER EXPORTED TO MEXICO. ALSO, MEASURE WILL HOPEFULLY STOP CONTRABAND EXPORTS OF LUMBER TO EL SALVADOR.

3. ONE U.S. FIRM IS SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THIS MEASURE AS IT HAS 1 MILLION SQ. BOARD FEET OF PINE AND MAHOGANY AT PUERTO BARRIOS READY TO LOAD ON CHARTERED FREIGHTER ALREADY IN PORT. LUMBER PAID FOR, SELLER IS FYDEP, WHICH IS ATTEMPTING SECURE PRESIDENT'S PERMISSION TO ALLOW THIS EXPORT TAKE PLACE. FYDEP OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF THEY TRYING HAVE LUMBER FROM PETEN EXEMPTED FROM THIS EDICT.

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4. CHAMBER OF INDUSTRY ALSO PRESSURING GOG TO RESTUDY
MEASURE WHILE AT LEAST ALLOWING LUMBER ALREADY CONTRACTED
FOR AND SOLD TO BE EXPORTED. CHAMBER MANAGER BELIEVES
AGRICULTURAL MINISTER BEHIND MOVE.

5. COMMENT: LUMBER INDUSTRY IS MAJOR RESOURCES FOR UNDER-
DEVELOPED PETEN REGION. 1000 WORKERS EMPLOYED IN VARIOUS
FYDEP SAW MILLS. DOMESTIC MARKET UNABLE ABSORB
TYPE AND QUANTITY LUMBER BEING EXPLOITED UNDER VARIOUS
FYDEP CONCESSIONS. NO INFO AVAILABLE RE HOW LONG THIS
MEASURE WILL BE EFFECTIVE. WILL ADVISE AS DEVELOPMENTS
OCCUR.
DECONTROL AFTER 12/14/74
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